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The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.			
1. This communication is responsive to			
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-3,5-28,30-40,42-45 and 49-57</u> .			
3. The drawings filed on 14 August 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.			
 4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the: 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 			
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No			
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* Certified copies not received:			
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.			
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.			
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached			
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(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date			
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).			
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.			
Attachment(s)			
1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	5. Notice of Informal Pa	atent Application (PTC)-152)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	6. Interview Summary		
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/0-Paper No./Mail Date 11805	Paper No./Mail Date 8), 7. ☐ Examiner's Amendm		
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit	8. 🛛 Examiner's Stateme	nt of Reasons for Allo	wance
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Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1-3, 5-28, 30-40, 42-45 and 49-57 are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-3.5-

28,30-40,42-45 and 49-57 of the current application teaches similar subject matter as

the prior art references of Fadel US 6597736 and Ringland et al. US 6122391.

However, claims 1, 26, 38, 44, 49, 51 and 53 are allowed for the same reasons stated in

the Applicant's remarks (page 20, 4th paragraph, page 21 1st and 3rd – 8th paragraphs).

3. It follows that dependent claims 2, 3, 5-25, 27, 28, 30-37, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45, 50,

52 and 54-57 are inherently allowable for depending on an allowable base claim.

Conclusion

1. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Michael Burleson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7460 and fax number is (571) 273-7460. The examiner can normally be reached Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. -4:30p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly Williams can be reached at (571) 272-7471.

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